

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated February 14, 2008, in which the Examiner entered a double-patenting rejection against claims 1-20; rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, and 13 as anticipated by Ortloff (US 2779571); allowed claims 3 and 4; and indicated that claims 7-9, 11 and 14-20 would be allowable if re-written in independent form.

Applicant has amended claims and respectfully submits that the case is now allowable for the reasons set out below.

Double-patenting rejection

Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer over US Patent 7,322,433, which overcomes the double patenting rejection.

§ 102 Rejection of claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 12, and 13 as anticipated by Ortloff

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of allowable claim 7, which has been canceled. Claim 1 is therefore allowable. Claims 2, 5, 6, 12, and 13 depend from claim 1 and are therefore also allowable.

Allowable subject matter

The Examiner indicated that claims 7-9, 11 and 14-20 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Claims 8 and 9 have been re-written to depend from claim 1. Claims 14 and 15 have been canceled as redundant. Claims 16-20 depend from allowed claim 3 and are therefore allowable without amendment.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that all of the claims are in condition for allowance and favorable consideration by the Examiner is requested. Should the Examiner find any impediment to the prompt allowance of the claims that can be corrected by Examiner's amendment, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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